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Copies of the listed non-U.S. documents are attached. Documents included in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) were cited in an European Search Report dated August 6, 2004. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

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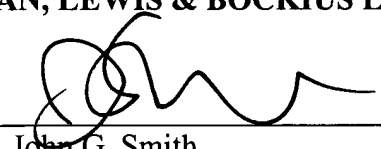
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